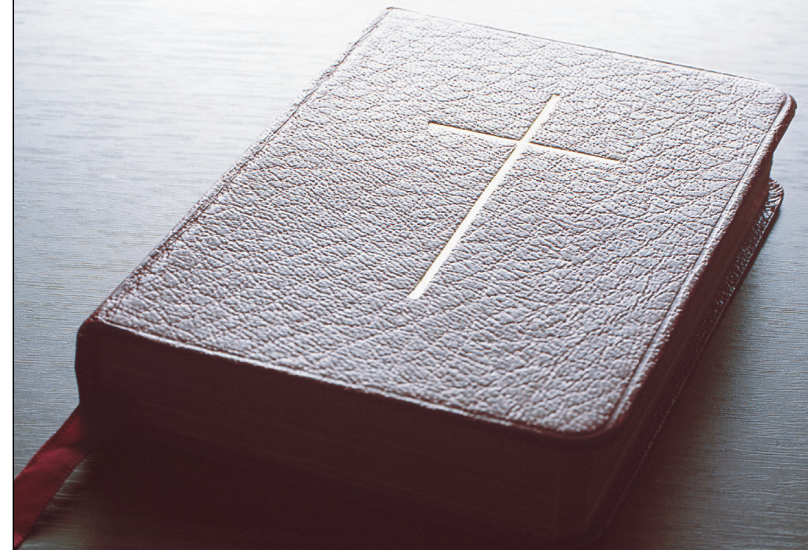


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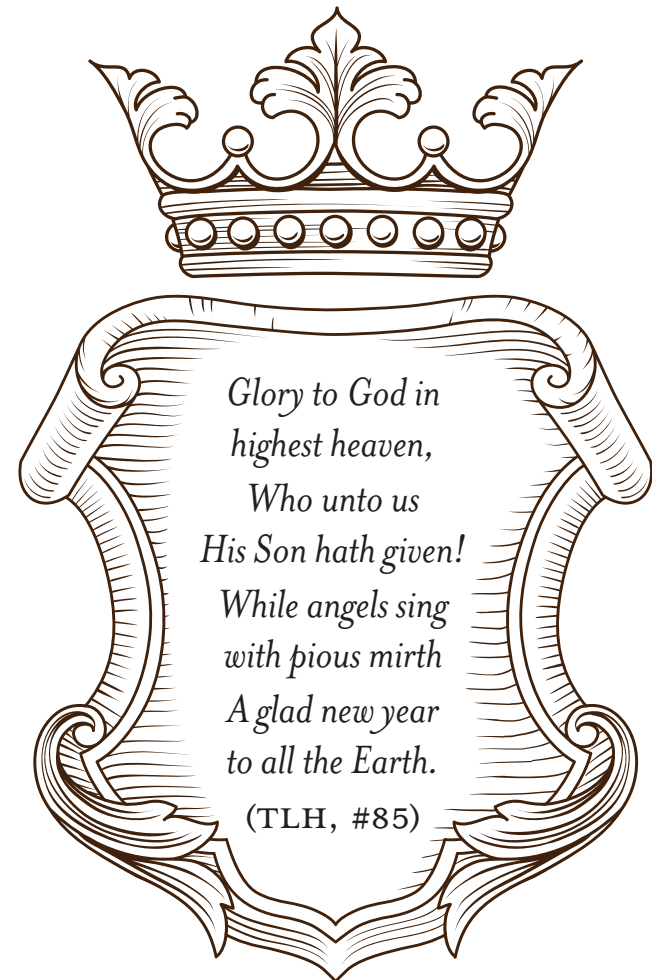
This program of Bible readings is built on the framework of the Scripture readings used at Messiah of Eau Claire during 2008,

May our Lord Jesus bless you richly by His Spirit with His Word via these readings throughout the year!

—JANUARY—

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2	Mark 1:21-34	Jesus worked Saturdays AND Sundays!	114
3	Luke 4:14-30	Was He Joseph's boy, or God's Messiah?	60
4	Luke 5:1-11	Miracles do not create but support faith.	410
5	Luke 5:27-39	Some clergymen were hard to convince.	489
6	John 5:1-15	Jesus is the "off-chance" cure for sinners.	345
7	John 5:16-47	Jesus is not a false god, but the real God.	596
9	Matthew 5:1-12	We are blessed in tough conditions!	391
10	Matthew 5:13-20	Law-works are under Jesus' jurisdiction!	392
11	Matthew 5:21-26	Deal with motivation first--before deeds!	398
12	Matthew 5:27-37	Satan influences mind, heart, and mouth.	447
13	Matthew 5:38-48	Being godly is possible in/with Jesus.	396
14	Luke 6:27-36	Praise to Jesus for sharing Himself with us!	108
16	Matthew 7:1-6	Lord, help us live in love for one another!	464
17	Matthew 7:7-12	Prayer manners and neighborly manners.	454
18	Matthew 7:13-23	The Entry is as narrow as the Cross.	354
19	Matthew 7:24-29	One's life depends on its foundation.	473
20	Matthew 8:5-13	Faith in the heart precedes performance.	415
21	Luke 7:11-17	Jesus did not just step aside.	603
23	Luke 7:36-50	God's forgiveness precedes our love.	375
24	Matthew 12:22-37	Jesus easily upset their appplecart!	340
25	Matthew 12:38-50	Jesus used the Bible and common sense.	5
26	Mark 4:1-20	Let us take the Word of God to our hearts!	49
27	Mark 4:21-29	God produces the crops of faith, love, etc.	422
28	Matthew 13:24-35	Three prime-time parables of God's work.	393
30	Matthew 13:44-52	God knows how to separate good from bad.	347
31	Mark 4:35-41	Is Jesus no longer in our lifeboat with us?	649

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20	Matthew 11:2-2-10	Someone had to be brought up to speed.	62
21	1 Corinthians 4:1-5	Remember your part in the parade?	67
22	Romans 2:1-10	It's His love that wins us over to Him.	62
24	Luke 2:1-7	God's Gift comes in a lowly manner.	82
25	Luke 2:8-12	God's Gift came first to a select few.	92
26	Luke 2:13-14	God's Gift prompts Christmas praises.	93
27	Luke 2:15-20	God's Gift prompts faith and sharing.	97
28	Luke 2:21-32	God's Gift was received by Simeon.	TLH, p.29
29	Galatians 3:19-29	Out with the old; in with the New!	299
31	Matthew 2:13-23	God's blueprint includes you and me, too!	112



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8	Revelation 2:18-29	A false teacher beguiled this congregation.	29
9	Revelation 3:1-6	A spiritually comatose congregation.	467
10	Revelation 3:7-13	The Church is not at rest in this world!	279
12	Revelation 4&5	A grand introduction to Jesus, our Savior.	239
13	Revelation 6&7	The full number of God's elect will survive.	471
14	Revelation 8	NOW is the time!	24
15	Revelation 9	God allows Satan to infect the world.	18
16	Revelation 10	Read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest it!	655
17	Revelation 11	The Kingdom of Christ shall prevail!	222
19	Revelation 12	The Old Test. was pregnant with Jesus.	2
20	Revelation 13	#666 can't touch 7, God's number.	341
21	Revelation 14	Darkness loses to the brightness of Jesus.	273
22	Revelation 15&16	The gospel triumphs.	568
23	Revelation 17&18	What shall it profit to lose one's own soul?	560
24	Revelation 19	Glory and honor and power to our God!	23
26	Revelation 20	The Millennium is the New Testament era.	72
27	Revelation 21:1-11	Let us be thirsty for God, and persevere!	592
28	Revelation 21:22-27	Jesus is the central temple in heaven.	609
29	Revelation 22:1-5	No need for street lights or sunshine.	23
30	Revelation 22:6-17	Please come soon, Jesus; we are waiting!	343

— DECEMBER —

1	Rev. 22:18-21	It's all about God's Word, isn't it?	68
3	Malachi 4:1-6	The day was selected for Jesus to arrive.	55
4	Luke 1:5-17	Elizabeth and Zacharias and Gabriel.	69
5	Romans 12:1-21	Are we faithful in practicing godliness?	75
6	Romans 15:4-13	How important is the Holy Scripture?	48
7	Luke 21:25-36	Fast-Forward to the closing chapter.	611
8	Luke 20:1-19	"God forbid!" (But it will still happen.)	605
10	Jeremiah 31:31-34	Not new to God, just new to humans.	544
11	Matthew 21:1-9	Every entry of Jesus is His Advent.	58
12	Romans 13:11-14	It's personal between Jesus and us.	60
13	Micah 7:18-20	God prefers being merciful, not angry.	98
14	Psalms 118:14-29	Loving-kindness is God's intrinsic nature.	205
15	1 Corinthians 13	How Christ-centered love operates . . .	530
17	Psalms 90	God takes the long view.	111
18	Genesis 49:8-12	A branch of the family-tribe of Judah.	645
19	Isaiah 40:1-8	The gospel according to Isaiah.	61

— FEBRUARY —

1	Mark 5:1-20	Expect Satan's worst... and Jesus' best.	267
2	Mark 5:21-43	Don't wait twelve years for restoration!	398
3	Matthew 9:27-34	Not ballyhoo, but our praise and service.	19
4	Mark 6:1-6	It's only natural to mislabel Jesus.	378
6	Mark 9:9-13	His rising from the dead overlays all.	201
7	Mark 9:14-32	Faith takes a problem to its Solution.	432
8	Isaiah 10:12-14	If God be for us, who can be against us?	528
9	Matthew 4:12-17	Don't loiter when you have a heart attack!	106
10	Matthew 4:18-25	We are helpers for heart-attack victims.	270
11	1 Corinthians 1:18-25	Unbelievers can't help the way they are.	317
13	Micah 6:1-8	The real problem was their bad attitude.	449
14	Micah 6:9-16	Penalties intended to redirect them.	447
15	Matthew 15:1-12	In contrast, God smiles on His children.	529
16	Luke 6:20-26	Life without God's blessing is big trouble.	413
17	1 Corinthians 1:26-31	God's way of doing things is awesome.	366
18	Colossians 2:6-10	We aren't cheated by this arrangement.	477
20	Exodus 4:12-18	The glory of the LORD is a consuming fire.	26
21	Joel 2:12-19	Repentance will avoid His fire.	160
22	Ash Wednesday Matthew 17:24-27	Jesus passed the test.	140
23	Mark 9:33-37	We yield the right-of-way to others.	395
24	Mark 9:38-41	We coexist with other religions/churches.	553
25	Matthew 18:15-35	It's our privilege to help one another.	481
27	Luke 9:57-62	Our desire to follow Jesus gets sabotaged.	365
28	John 7:53-8:11	Avoid temptations to promiscuity!	446
29	John 8:12-20	Jesus has the Father as His support.	559

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1	John 8:21-32	Will we persevere in His Word/teachings?	261
2	John 8:33-37	Freedom or slavery: which shall it be?	276
3	John 8:48-59	God precedes Abraham, as does Jesus.	40
5	John 10:1-21	A clear testimony for Jesus being God.	631
6	Luke 10:1-24	We are Jesus' assistants; let's get at it!	492
7	Luke 10:25-42	"Go and do!" hits home with each of us.	439
8	Luke 11:1-13	He gives the Spirit as His native breath.	455
9	Luke 11:14-28	Friends of Satan are no friends of Jesus.	16
10	Luke 11:37-54	Jesus was no slouch in soul care.	346

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12	Hebrews 8:8-12	Which contract with God do you prefer?	20
13	John 6:32-35	Picture language: Jesus sustains our souls.	277
14	Isaiah 52:13-53:12	Jesus DID what had to GET DONE!	153
15	1 Corinthians 11:23-29	Remember what it cost Him!	154
16	Luke 23:32-43	Enough sacrifice to suffice.	148
17	Philippians 2:5-11	First the sacrifice; then the glory.	222
19	Luke 15:1-10	May God's concerns be ours also!	324
21	Luke 15:11-32	The elder son didn't know he was a loser.	280
22	Luke 16:1-18	Investing in bad stock is disastrous.	141
23	Luke 16:19-31	Attend to hearing the Word of God!	16
24	Luke 17:1-10	Preventable sins should be prevented.	396
26	John 11:1-27	All resurrection follows one resurrection.	196
27	John 11:28-44	People draw faulty conclusions.	284
28	John 11:45-54	Caiaphas spoke better than he realized.	143
29	Luke 17:11-19	Is thankfulness the exception among us?	569
30	Luke 17:20-27	Jesus gave them an answer to chew on.	425
31	Luke 18:1-14	May God give us the right heart!	166

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2	Mark 10:1-16	Jesus was foster-parent and role-model.	300
3	Luke 19:28-44	Jesus defended them against the rebukers.	57
4	Luke 20:1-19	They caught on to their place in the story.	385
5	John 12:27-33	Jesus was troubled but not detoured.	390
6	Mark 14:12-26	Each suspected himself rather than others.	310
7	Luke 23:26-49	Triplicate urgings to save Himself.	142
8	Easter Sunday , one of the greatest days in History.		187
9	Matthew 22:1-14	God does not lock His door at refusals.	198
10	Matthew 22:15-23	His simple answer simply amazed them.	190
11	Mark 12:28-34	Ditch the system of human efforts/deeds!	189
12	Matthew 23:1-12	God will sift it all out in due time.	206
13	Matthew 23:13-39	After a truck load of condemnation--	208
14	Mark 12:41-44	Not 50/50, but 100% for her Lord's work!	652
16	Matthew 24:29-51	What are the tribulations of our day?	606
17	Matthew 25:1-13	The wise come equipped for the long haul.	609
18	Matthew 25:14-30	Invest your talents for growth!	400
19	Matthew 25:31-46	Evidence will validate His judgment.	610
20	Matthew 26:1-16	The closing chapter of Jesus' ministry.	219

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1	Romans 12	Reviewing our behavior is wholesome.	328
2	Romans 13	Submission to earthly authorities is godly.	577
3	Romans 14	Love puts no one in harm's way.	453
4	Romans 15:1-13	God has always sought to save non-Jews,	297
5	Romans 15:14-33	and they needed Paul's reassurance.	32
6	Romans 16	God tells us how to avoid religious viruses.	261
8	Isaiah 12	Let's progress from mumbling to shouting!	212
9	Isaiah 40:1-11	Let us see God as He really is!	61
10	Isaiah 49:1-9	Let us salvage what can yet be saved!	427
11	Matthew 9:35-38	Whom does God use for workers?	488
12	Mark 4:26-32	It all depends on the seed, not the sower.	46
13	Romans 10:8-18	Let's review it all again, thoughtfully!	507
15	1 Peter 1:10-2:3	Our life reflects upon our Father.	352
16	1 Peter 2:11-25	We conduct ourselves as servants of God.	361
17	1 Peter 3:1-17	Sanctify the Lord God in your heart!	414
18	1 Peter 4:7-11	The End is as close as our death.	600
19	2 Peter 1	Spend time getting to know God better.	238
20	2 Peter 3	God grant that we treasure Jesus' return!	606
22	1 John 1:5-2:11	Hypocrites don't monitor their hearts.	155
23	1 John 2:24-3:10	Repentance stops the progress of sin.	419
24	1 John 4	Jesus has left no deficit to be paid.	100
25	1 John 5	Love molds our attitudes and our activities.	399
26	2 John	Love walks according to the God's will.	404
27	3 John	God rejoices that we walk in the Truth.	264
29	2 Chronicles 30	Hezekiah was a great reformer.	258
30	Psalms 122	Pray for God's people to love the Truth!	292
31	Matthew 11:25-30	Some are deaf to all God's channels.	262

— NOVEMBER —

1	John 2:13-25	Jesus knows us better than we do.	123
2	Galatians 2:16-21	God is not impressed with human deeds.	375
3	Revelation 14:1-13	Lord, keep us steadfast in Thy Word!	273
5	Revelation ch. 1	Jesus rearranges heaven and Earth for us.	64
6	Revelation 2:1-7	Orthodox, but not for the right reason.	479
7	Revelation 2:8-17	From cross to crown—thanks to Jesus!	470

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21	Galatians 3:1-14	Abraham had the good, old-time religion!	50
22	Galatians 3:26-4:11	Religious ritualism is spiritual bondage.	299
23	Galatians 4:21-31	Which shall it be: slave or free?	141
24	Galatians 5:1-10	Spiritually bankrupt, or spiritually solvent?	237
25	Galatians 5:16-25	Are we flesh-natured – or Spirit-natured?	423
27	Acts 18:24-19:10	Adult instruction classes in Ephesus.	225
28	Acts 19:11-20	Superstition is such a loser's game.	301
29	Ephesians 3	God's counsels are rich, deep, and wide.	394
30	Ephesians 4:1-16	Praise God for this blessed teamwork!	481
31	Ephesians 5:22-33	Committed to loving self-submission.	450

— SEPTEMBER —

<u>1</u>	Ephesians 6:10-17	Sent on our way with His encouragement.	444
3	Acts 20:1-16	Paul had no time to waste. Do we?	502
4	Titus 1	Could God succeed in degenerate Crete?	3
5	Titus 2:11-14	The theme of our Christian lives.	27
6	Titus 3	Yes, our sanctification is important!	382
7	Jude 1-19	What does Satan do to his disciples?	472
<u>8</u>	Jude 20-25	Protect yourself with God's anti-virus.	264
10	Acts 21:1-20a	He was in a hurry for God's business,	269
11	Acts 21:20b-40	which produced a bumpy ride; yet he was	263
12	Acts 22	empowered by his interview with Jesus.	197
13	Romans 1	God draws reluctant hearts with His love.	655
14	Romans 2	Superior piety does not impress God.	363
<u>15</u>	Romans 3	God's method stands supreme and eternal.	319
17	Acts 23-24	Christians are Bible believers, not a sect.	278
18	Acts 25	Paul used legal means to defend himself.	46
19	Romans 4:1-12	Subtract our goodness; then add God's.	377
20	Romans 4:13-25	Take God at His word in this matter!	189
21	Romans 5:1-11	From nightmare to sweet dreams.	232
<u>22</u>	Romans 5:12-21	Jesus is Adam's counterbalance.	369
24	Romans 6	We have no excuse for sinful habits.	334
25	Romans 7	From spiritual bankruptcy to solvency.	379
26	Romans 8	What's our spiritual genetic blood-line?	236
27	Romans 9	Israel here means God's true children.	28
28	Romans 10	Jews still need to hear our witnessing.	507
<u>29</u>	Romans 11	Jews can be reclaimed from their mistake.	519

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<u>21</u>	Luke 22:7-30	God works better than His servants do.	294
23	John 13:1-11	Foot-washing as His loving service.	514
24	John 13:12-20	Not just a theory, but real love.	397
25	John 13:21-30	Satan chooses victims where he may.	576
26	John 13:31-38	Faithful through the grave—into glory.	220
27	Luke 22:31-38	Satan sifts in an upside-down manner.	522
<u>28</u>	Luke 22:39-46	Sidestep the temptation to desert Jesus!	346
30	John 15:1-4	Stay clean by remaining in Jesus' words!	342

— MAY —

1	John 15:5-17	The key word is abiding in Jesus.	594
2	John 17:1-12	Keep us safe amid the perils of this life!	524
3	John 17:13-26	Stress on enduring in our neighborhood.	410
4	Luke 22:39-46	Add these data to the record of John 17.	145
<u>5</u>	Matthew 26:42-46	We are sleepy-heads, all of us!	446
7	Luke 24:33-35	The facts were finally starting to connect.	194
8	Luke 24:36-43	Not a ghost but Jesus with glorified body.	197
9	John 20:19-23	Authorized and empowered to forgive.	65
10	John 20:24-31	How is this working for you?	48
11	John 21:1-14	A cookout after their work was done.	549
<u>12</u>	John 21:15-19	From friendship to devotion that lasts.	648
14	Matthew 28:1-8	His empty tomb has stayed empty.	603
15	Mark 16:1-8	God blessed the ladies.	191
16	John 20:2-10	We get the doctrinal significance of Easter.	208
17	John 20:11-18	A mindset not even an angel can budge.	188
18	Matthew 28:9-15	Disbelief is a dirty trick of Satan.	428
<u>19</u>	Luke 24:13-32	Life without Jesus is dead as a corpse.	194
21	Psalms 2	Jesus' victory celebration.	215
22	Psalms 47	Jesus' ascension to heaven.	214
23	Psalms 68	Blessed be our God and Savior!	218
24	Psalms 93	Our planet will not die from drowning.	15
25	Psalms 97	We are His children by His royal decree.	338
26	Psalms 110	Ascension and Pentecost rolled together.	47
27	Pentecost Sunday	The Festival of the Holy Ghost.	230
28	Acts 1:1-8	The Acts of the Holy Spirit and apostles.	224
29	Acts 1:9-14	We return to our daily sanctified living.	213
30	Acts 1:15-26	The choice was up to Jesus.	485
31	Acts 2:14-21	A sermon filled with doctrine and witness.	228

— JUNE —

Date	Scripture	Thought prompted by the text	Hymn
1	Acts 2:22-36	In Ps.18 David was speaking about Jesus.	208
<u>2</u>	Acts 2:37-47	We are living in the millennium of grace.	427
4	Acts 3:1-10	Times of refreshing came to someone.	234
5	Acts 3:11-4:4	Peter kept the BIBLE in the forefront.	167
6	Acts 4:5-31	God always trumps His enemies.	360
7	Acts 5:1-11	Jesus seeks to save spiritually weak souls.	383
8	Acts 5:17-32	Persecution surrendered to deliverance!	513
<u>9</u>	Acts 5:33-42	In his darkness Gamaliel saw some light.	235
11	1Timothy 1:1-2:7	Lord Jesus, keep up Your good work!	370
12	1 Timothy 4:1-5:16	Godliness feeds on the Word of God.	290
13	1 Timothy 5:17-6:21	Christian, guard your spiritual treasures!	447
14	2 Timothy 1:8-18	Hold fast the pattern of sound words!	283
15	2 Timothy 2:14-26	Arguing produces more heat than light.	300
<u>16</u>	2 Timothy 3:14-4:5	We get sound doctrine from Scripture.	292
18	Acts 6:8-15	Half-truths are more deceptive than lies.	285
19	Acts 7:1-8	Stephen revered God, active in History.	54
20	Acts 7:9-16	What was Stephen's view of the patriarchs?	40
21	Acts 7:17-36	As to Moses—well, he blundered, too.	36
22	Acts 7:37-50	God wasn't too keen on the Temple, even.	31
<u>23</u>	Acts 7:51-60	Stephen got reunited with Jesus in heaven.	451
25	Acts 8:26-40	A foreigner rescued in the nick of time.	244
26	Acts 9:1-9	God stopped a storm-trooper in his tracks.	239
27	Acts 9:10-22	We get help from senior Christians, too.	403
28	Acts 9:32-42	Dorcas returned as a living testimonial.	463
29	Acts 10:34-48	We will never be the same again, either.	202
<u>30</u>	Acts 11:1-26	God wants non-Jews in heaven, too.	491

— JULY —

2	Philemon	A runaway slave returned as brother.	462
3	Hebrews 3	Distrusting Jesus is worse than rebellion.	428
4	Hebrews 4	There still is room in heaven!	509
5	Hebrews 5	Let's mull over these things in our hearts!	177
6	Hebrews 6	God is faithful to us and true to Himself.	385
<u>7</u>	Hebrews 7	Jesus outranks Levi&sons all ways.	511
9	Acts 15:1-29	Jesus is God's universal answer/solution.	657

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10	James 1	God is glorified when we act as He wants.	350
11	James 2	A dead/dysfunctional faith is trash.	424
12	James 3	Bad-mouthing comes from selfishness.	417
13	James 4	Life is warfare for dominance.	412
<u>14</u>	James 5	Let's help others get to heaven!	504
16	Revelation 3:14-22	Mediocrity is poor service.	650
17	Colossians 2:1-10	Jesus, the Be-all-and-end-all of our life.	477
18	John 15:1-8	Stay attached to Jesus for dear LIFE!	343
19	James 4:1-10	Life consists of making the right choices.	416
20	Proverbs 3:5-12	God adjusts dosages of correcting.	651
<u>21</u>	Hebrews 12:5-11	God's motives/deeds are wholesome.	22
23	1Thessalonians 4:13-18	Interested in Judgment Day?	604
24	1 Thess. 5:1-11	Today is our time for preparation.	449
25	1 Thess. 5:12-28	Get your daily personal spiritual exercise!	234
26	1 Thess. 2:3-12	This is God's Word on the Antichrist.	341
27	2 Thess. 2:13-17	Hold tight on Scripture doctrines!	266
<u>28</u>	2 Thess. 3:1-16	All of us should be faithful at our jobs.	494
30	Colossians 2:6-15	Our incompleteness is filled by Jesus.	223
31	Colossians 2:16-23	We don't have to prove ourselves to God.	350

— AUGUST —

1	Colossians 3:1-11	Choke off the little monsters of Satan!	449
2	Colossians 3:12-17	Do we see ourselves in this mirror?	540
3	Colossians 3:18-4:1	We have privileged responsibilities.	447
<u>4</u>	Colossians 4:2-6	We are visible reflections of Jesus.	421
6	1 Corinthians 2:1-16	Our heart is the Spirit's classroom.	609
7	1 Cor. 11:23-32	He imparts Himself to us in His Supper.	304
8	1 Cor. 12:12-30	Our unity Illustrated by human anatomy.	464
9	1 Cor. 13:1-13	Motivation is ALL!	530
10	1 Cor. 15:12-23	Resurrection is not dream but reality!	187
<u>11</u>	1 Cor. 15:50-58	Aliveness from/with God will trump death.	616
13	2 Cor. 5:1-10	God makes our life-style functional.	51
14	2 Cor. 5:14-21	Let us enjoy our new, blessed life!	420
15	2 Cor. 6:14-7:1	God has redeemed us from such garbage.	32
16	2 Cor. 9:6-15	God will not allow us to become losers.	309
17	2 Cor. 11:18-33	God had made Paul very special.	451
<u>18</u>	2 Cor. 12:1-10	Not a victim but a target of God's grace.	374
20	Galatians 1:1-17	Jesus, Jesus; only Jesus!	348